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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 22

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Introduced by Assembly Member Hueso

February 17, 2011

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Relative to California School Bullying Prevention Awareness ~~Week~~ *Month*.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 22, as amended, Hueso. California School Bullying Prevention Awareness ~~Week~~ *Month*.

This measure would declare ~~the second week of~~ March 2011 to be California School Bullying Prevention Awareness ~~Week~~ *Month*, and urge that the issue of bullying, and methods of preventing it, be discussed *with appropriate activities* in California schools during this time.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, School bullying has become an increasingly  
2 significant problem in the United States and California; and  
3 WHEREAS, Almost 35 percent of youth in the United States  
4 are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully  
5 or a victim; and  
6 WHEREAS, An estimated 8 percent of pupils in kindergarten  
7 through grade 12 miss at least one day of school every month due  
8 to a fear of being bullied; and  
9 WHEREAS, Bullying can take many forms, including verbal,  
10 physical, and psychological forms, and can happen in many places  
11 on and off school grounds; and

1 WHEREAS, Bullying through electronic means is a serious and  
2 growing concern; and

3 WHEREAS, Bullying is a public health problem that leads to  
4 depression and low self-esteem well into adulthood, and the bullies  
5 themselves engage in criminal behavior later in life at higher rates;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Bullying begins in the elementary grades, peaks  
8 in grades 6 through 8, and persists into high school; and

9 WHEREAS, It is important for California pupils, parents, school  
10 staff, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, to  
11 encourage discussion of the problem as a school community, and  
12 to engage in prevention and education; and

13 WHEREAS, The State Department of Education adopted in  
14 2001 a policy on bullying prevention designed to encourage  
15 positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors in California  
16 schools; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature declares ~~the second week~~  
19 ~~of March 2011~~ to be California School Bullying Prevention  
20 Awareness ~~Week Month~~, and urges that the issue of bullying, and  
21 methods of preventing it, be discussed ~~a minimum of one class~~  
22 ~~period each day, or a minimum of five hours, with appropriate~~  
23 *activities* in California schools during this time; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.